

(85) BLESSING OF HORSES OR OTHER ANIMALS

Let us pray:

O God, our refuge and our strength, give ear to the entreaties of thy Church, thou Source of mercy, and grant that what we seek with faith, we may receive in fact. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst assist Saint Anthony to emerge unscathed from the many temptations of this world, grant thy servants to progress in virtue by his illustrious example, and by his merits and intercession, free us from the ever-present dangers of life. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray:

Let these animals receive thy blessing +, O Lord, to the benefit of their being, and by the intercession of Saint Anthony, deliver them from all harm. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

(88) BLESSING OF CATTLE AND HERDS
(Cattle, sheep, goats, swine)

Let us pray:

O Lord and God, King of heaven and earth, the Father's Word, by Whom were made all creatures that sustain man. Look down, we pray, on our low estate, and as thou dost intervene in our necessities and distresses, so too, deign to bless + these cattle (beast, herd, flock), to guard and watch over them. But to us thy servants give everlasting grace together with creature needs, that we may praise, and glorify, and give thanks to thy holy name. You who lives and reigns with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forevermore. *R.* Amen.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. *R.* Amen.